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Liverpool vs Hellas, APIA vs Hamburg...

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Vojtek, Pocock, Vasic

Ray Pocock, Jim Wyllie, Con Kikatos and Steve Gregory are kings of the Victorian Metropolitan League.

And Billy Vojtek added another page to his glorious career by winning the Second Division top scorer's award.

Pocock and Vojtek both played leading roles in the championship victories of Western Suburbs and St. Albans respectively.

Vojtek was player-coach of St. Albans while Pocock joined Wests 10 games before the end of the season and, according to club president Sam Kagioglu, improved the team by 80 per cent.

It was while Pocock was player-coach of Wests, that the club won promotion to the State League in 1979. However, it was relegated again and has been back in the First Division for three years.

Pocock gained 35 referees' votes to win the Metropolitan League First Division best player award. Some of the votes were gained with his previous club, Heidelberg Bundoora.

Wyllie, of Ringwood United Serbie, and formerly with Croydon City, gained 24 votes in winning the Second Division award, and Kikatos (South Oakleigh) was best in Third Division, with 25 votes.

But it was Gregory of Moorabbin who gained the most votes in the four-division Metropolitan League, polling 36 in the Fourth Division award.

While Vojtek was Second Division top-scorer with 14 goals, Dragan Vasic, the former Footscray J.U.S.T. forward, now with Richmond, top-scored in First Division, with 13.

Pashalis Tzintzis (South Oakleigh) was Third Division top-scorer with 20, giving his club its second individual award of the year.

And in the Fourth Division, Martin Moore of Karingal was the top marksman, notching 13.

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Preston Makedonia v. Juventus of Italy for the World Club championship? Or APIA v. Hamburg or South Melbourne Hellas v. Liverpool

One can dream... Or perhaps it's more than a dream.

The FIFA Congress in Zurich next June will discuss a proposal to start a world club cup between the club champions of the six FIFA Confederations — Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Oceania and CONCACAF.

It would be an extension of the world club cup currently contested by the champions of Europe and South America.

The Australian Soccer Federation will back the proposal at the FIFA Conference.

"We'll push it for sure," said ASFA secretary Brian Emery.

"It would be a great thing for our clubs and for our players."

"In the meantime, at the Oceania Confederation meeting on December 14, we'll push for an Oceania club championship, possibly to start in 1984."

"We could start with the champions of Australia, New Zealand and perhaps Taiwan playing against each other."

The FIFA Conference next

June also will discuss proposals for a world under 16 and a world women's championship.

If the proposals are accepted, they would not be put into operation at least until 1985.

A world championship between Confederation winners would suit Australia perfectly.

As Australia has the strongest domestic league competition in the Confederation, its clubs would have the best chance of winning.

Confederation championship winning to meet the other five winners.

It would be a costly business, however.

Asia, for example, has about 33 countries. The champions of each would have to play against each other to determine the Confederation champion.

FIFA could throw a spanner into Australia's works by making the Israeli champions play in the Oceania Confederation. Israel is not a member of any Confederation due to political difficulties.

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Pollard out four months

Wollongong defender Steve Pollard was suspended last week until January 31, 1984, on a charge of having brought soccer into disrepute.

Pollard was reported by referee Peter Rampley after wild scenes at St George Stadium, during which Pollard fought with spectators after his team had drawn 3-3 with Sydney Olympic.

CUMMING CHASES THIRD MEDAL

Tommy Cumming, player-coach of Melbourne Croatia, has emerged as hot favorite to win his third Rothmans Medal for the Best and Fairest player in Victoria when the medal count takes place on Thursday, October 14, at the Southern Cross Hotel in Melbourne.

Cumming is also bound to play a prominent part of another important award function before the Rothmans, namely, the Bill Fleming Award.

The Bill Fleming Medal, named after the famous 'Argus' soccer reporter, is highly prized by the State League players, being awarded on the votes of the Press and not the referees.

Players such as John Gardiner (1972), Jim Tansey (1978) and Charlie Egan (1981), have done the Rothmans and Fleming 'double', but none has come near to Cumming's feat of carrying off both medals in successive years.

This year's Bill Fleming Award dinner will be held at the City and Overseas Club this Friday night and in ad-

dition to the Fleming Medal itself, trophies also will be awarded to Victoria's National League Player of the Year, the Under 21 Player, the Coach of the Year, and the Referee of the Year.

An innovation at this year's Fleming dinner is the attendance of all the previous Medal winners, with the exception of Mick Watkins (1977), who is in England, as guests of the Australian Soccer Press Association, which holds the awards.

Jimmy Dunne, a past winner, flies in from the U.K. today (Wednesday) to be interviewed for the Morwell Falcons coaching job. (See story on page 2).

This is Cumming's last chance to create Rothmans medal history. The dynamic little striker is sure to play with Croatia in the NSL next year. No player has won the Rothmans medal three times.

Cumming won the award in 1978 and 1979. John Gardiner was the winner in 1971 and 1972, David Baker of Hakoah was triumphant in 1975 and 1977, while Juventus defender Vince Bannon was the winner 1973 and 1982.

According to VSF secretary George Wallace the players' guest list for the gala evening is "a calculated punt" but the winner at every Rothmans Medal count has been present on the night. Wallace and a Rothmans repre-

sentative check the voting before the big night, but after the invitations have been posted, which gives the organisers time to change the guest list if required.

So, it's a safe bet to say that the Rothmans Medal winner for 1983 will come from the following list of players invited:

Albion Rovers: Keiron Coyle, Bennie Ferrie, Kenny Smart.

Juventus: Harry Hird, Andrew Zinni, Billy Rogers.

Box Hill: John Gabrielson, Ian Roodhouse, Peter Verechia.

Croydon: Gary Hobson, Jimmy Rooney, Paul Wade.

Devonport: Paul Corke, Ian Stirton, Steve Webster.

East: Cesare Fattore, Joe Palinkas, Ian Tuffield.

Ajax: Paul Lewis, Bobby Toal, Jim Williams.

Polonia: Andrew Czapnik, Stefan Mila, Janusz Przybyla.

Morwell: Alan Evans, Sandy Irvine, Jim Train.

Northcote: George Bozikis, Branko Culina, Jim Sahinidis.

Wilhelmina: David Brooks, Ken Stewart, Neil Garvey.

Croatia: Jozo Antolovic, Ossie Lutif, Keith Adams.

Hellas: Chris Bekiaris, Steve Kankton, Chris Kafkalidis.

Sunshine-George Cross: Alan Con-

tini, Carl Gilder, Norrie Pate.

Cumming's supporters don't need to start jumping up and down because his name doesn't appear on the list of invited Croatia players. All previous winners were invited.

For punters wanting a bit of value, Ajax's Paul Lewis looks a good each-way bet.

Rothmans Medal winners:

1971 — John Gardiner (Geo Cross)

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1973 — Vince Bannon (Alexander)

1974 — Pat Bannon (Alexander)

1975 — David Baker (Hakoah)

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1981 — Charlie Egan (Frankston)

1982 — Vince Bannon (Juventus)

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1980 — Jimmy Dunne (Ajax)

1981 — Charlie Egan (Frankston)

1982 — Peter Lewis (Ajax)

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA:15

VIVA ITALIA:14

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ ΣΕΛΙΣ:15

They should be 'Roos



Oscar Crino (far left) of SM-Hellas and Peter Tredinnick of APIA — should they be in the national team? Columnist Andrew Detra says yes, and chooses both of them in his Socceroo XI on page 3. Peter Katholos also talks about the 'Roos.'



Tony Henderson, as captain of Australia, shakes hands with Mexico's captain Tony Vasquez Ayala at Olympic Park in 1980. The teams drew 1-1.

'Superb season' for Henderson

Coach Doug Collins says that although his Marconi players all work for each other, he is particularly pleased with the great progress this season of sweeper Tony Henderson.

"He has had a superb season and is playing really well in defence," Collins said.

"In the past, it was not unusual to see Henderson dribbling forward and looking flashy but this season he has been told what to do and is carrying out his instructions.

And so Henderson may be

heading back into the national team.

Collins is aiming at sixth spot in the league and considers it could cap a tremendous season.

Marconi won the Ampol Cup at the start of the season and is still in the semi-finals of the National Cup.



Croatia's Tommy Cumming with the 1979 Rothmans Medal. Inset: his major rival this year, Paul Lewis, of Ajax.

Falcons seek Valley help

Morwell Falcons are asking the Latrobe Valley soccer league to back their application for NSL membership.

Falcons will ask the Latrobe Valley league not to schedule its games on the same day that Morwell plays its home NSL games.

"We get about 1000 people at home games at the moment, so that figure would at least double if we no longer had opposition from other matches in the Valley."

leay," Falcons president Don DiFabrizio said.

DiFabrizio added that the club aimed to have all its players living in the Latrobe Valley within two years.

At the moment, more than half of them live in Melbourne and travel to Morwell for games or for training once a week.

DiFabrizio said that under this system, it was difficult to get the players properly fit, and as a result the club was getting only 70 per cent out of them.

He added he was confident that at least about 300 Morwell fans would follow the team to away matches. "That's as much, if not more, than Ajax or Croydon would bring to away games," DiFabrizio said.

Former Ajax and Brisbane City star Jimmy Dunne had been offered Falcons' coaching job. Tony Bogg, who coached Falcons this year, says business pressures will prevent him from the job again in 1984.

Meanwhile, Alun Evans is expected to resume training in January, after breaking a leg two weeks ago, and veteran defender and former player-coach Sandy Irvine also is expected to front up for another season. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



Alun Evans

Faith and hope are nice but insufficient



By ANDREW DETTRE

Ku-ring-gai, placed fifth in this year's NSW State League, is off and running for a position in the recast 1984 National League.

Applications closed on Friday and seven clubs will be competing for four available positions in the Australian (Eastern) Conference.

JUVE'S CUP

Former Canberra Arrows players Keni Kawaleva and Bernie Lustica were prominent on opposing teams as Juventus beat Croatia 5-4 to win the A.C.T. Ampol Cup, in a thrilling spectacle.

John Doherty shot Juventus into the lead, but it was Lustica who equalised for Croatia.

Lustica was involved in the goal that put Croatia ahead, scored by Goran Adzic, but it was 2-2 after Jimmy Harkins had converted a penalty over a foul on Ernie Johns.

Then Adzic and Lustica struck again for Croatia, and Johns for Juventus, leaving the half-time score at 4-3 for Croatia.

Juventus got another penalty, again converted by Johns, and it was 4-4.

Kawaleva, who had helped set up Juventus' first goal, also played a part in the winner. He chipped a free kick over the wall and Doherty did the rest.



Geelong West under 12, Western "B" Premiers for 1983, coached by C. Popovski. Pictured are Standing from left: P. Krstevski E. Nutukanovic P. Kopeic J. Goncalves M. Bijelac S. Popovski M. Pantelic. Front row D. Smilovski P. Eric T. Bozjanovski Z. Stojanovski Z. Valajcavski

McGee signs

Paul McGee, who was linked with both Juventus and Footscray JUST this season, has finally put pen to paper to sign for Silo Rovers of the League of Ireland.

McGee, on Burnley's books last season, seemed likely to stay in English football when he started a month's trial at Bristol City.

WA beats Indonesia

The West Australian State team beat Indonesia's pre-Olympic squad 1-0 in a closely-fought friendly match before a crowd of 10,000 at Senayan Stadium in Jakarta.

The game's solitary goal was by visiting centre-forward Frank McKay in the 10th minute of the second half.

The game was a warm-up for the Indonesian soccer squad which meets Saudi Arabia on October 6 in the pre-Olympic Asia-Oceania zone Group III Tournament.

Rasic in NZ

Rale Rasic was among the celebrities who played in the Golden Oldies World Cup in Auckland last week.

Rasic also was guest speaker at a number of soccer functions during his visit.

Rasic, former Soccerco coach, still is involved in a dispute with South Melbourne Hellas, over money he claims the club owes him.

player produced in our district.

"The Ku-ring-gai board voted unanimously to make the application. We will leave no stone unturned in our bid for membership."

Mr Allen added that North Sydney Mayor and local member Alderman Ted Mack has provided a letter promising to use North Sydney Oval subject to the usual availability of dates.

There will be disappointment for eight of the 12 clubs competing for the four places in the southern states Conference.

Victorian Soccer Federation Secretary George Wallace is assembling applications from 10 Victorian State League clubs, and there are two more from South Australia.

The Victorian Clubs are Box Hill, Frankston, Juniors, Ajax, Croatia, Polonia, Morwell Falcons, Northcote, Croydon and Sunshine-George Cross.

Of these Croatia and Juniors are generally favored, followed by the Matute-backed Ajax and George Cross.

The Adelaide hopefuls are Azzuri and Woodville Beograd.

Two Newcastle clubs, Newcastle Austral and Cudliff, have also made enquiries.

NSL general manager Steve Kamasz said that the complete format of the reorganised league would be announced at the ASFA presentation night in Melbourne on November 14.

Queensland row on bigger NSL

Queensland Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco has been accused of trying to force Brisbane's two National League clubs, Brisbane City and Lions, out of the NSL.

"He wants them back," City president Sam Pappalardo said after a press conference held by NSL general manager Stefan Kamasz and Australian Soccer Federation commercial director Peter Sheean.

Pappalardo threatened to make City players unavailable for Queensland next year if his club was omitted from the restructured Brisbane premiership competition.

City provided the backbone in the Queensland team which beat NSW 3-0 this winter.

Pappalardo accused Brusasco of concentrating on the financial problems of the Queensland Soccer club instead of the wider problems of the game itself.

Brusasco refused to enter a slanging match, saying: "I prefer all publicity to be directed at the finals coming up. But I will say that I am looking after the interests of the whole of Queensland soccer. 64 clubs, Brisbane City is looking only at its own club."

Sheean said Sydney clubs had demonstrated their total support for the NSL by spending \$900,000 subsidising travel costs of Brisbane and Adelaide teams over the past seven years.

Among details of a reorganised 24 team NSL competition to be released in Melbourne on November 24 are plans to give Queensland teams more home games.

Sheean said the fully nationalised nature of the NSL competition would be lost if teams from Brisbane and Adelaide were dropped.

The ASFA's "guidelines" for admission to the NSL and the Magna Charta have one thing in common: both are vague documents subject to a huge variety of interpretations.

Britain has managed to exist quite well for over 700 years with the M.C. — and without a written constitution — but the NSL has often paid a heavy price for its lack of vigilance when admitting new members.

Vide: the disintegration of Mooroolbark and Western Suburbs, the perilous and porous state of Canberra, Footscray, Wollongong, Newcastle . . . and many others.

Also vide: the shocking grounds on which National League matches are played (Schineller Reserve, Ziems Park, Pratten Park, Lambert Park, etc.).

But, above all, I am a bit surprised (no, I am not really; nothing in our soccer surprises me any longer) why the ASFA tolerates some astonishingly sloppy administrations in the NSL.

(Back to an old theory: the ASFA is the NSL and the clubs are the ASF; why would they even notice their own abysmal standards?)

Let me do it for you. (If this crazy TV ad sells cars, it may sell soccer, too.)

Disregarding such fundamental requirements as a strong playing staff and a good ground (taking Marconi Oval or Marks Field in Sydney as the minimum standard), I would lay down these basic rules for any applicant to the NSL (and even the existing members).

1. Management. A detailed submission about the club's administration — names, backgrounds, financial status, role played. Name and qualification of fulltime or part-time soccer manager or secretary, time devoted to the game per week, administrative assistance available; office with permanent staff or at least answering machine.

Of the five Sydney clubs only St George has a full time man constantly available; the others manage their affairs much the same as they did pre-NSL.

And that's strange, really; as even in 1982 Sydney City, Marconi and APIA all had a fulltime man (or woman) in charge.

There is no reason to suppose that clubs in other States or cities are in a better position.

2. Finance. A detailed budget based on bank accounts, affidavits and other papers, certainly not the vague prospect of a "mysterious sponsor." How much can the club afford to spend on soccer in the next three years — from what sources; written proof of sponsorship backing with amounts stated; proposed expenditure on coaches, players, equipment, promotion, advertising, etc.

Again, not many clubs could satisfy a truly strict screening committee of their eligibility.

If you religiously applied both criteria to the existing NSL, we would have a very short season, perhaps a round robin over a long weekend.

Fair enough; we cannot be too meticulous. This is the reason the ASFA doesn't bother to police the individual affairs of the clubs and leaves to them whether they continue or quietly go broke.

But this is a different ball game. To increase the NSL from 16 to 24 clubs we have to find eight new ones which are stable, well managed, have good grounds, have the following — and won't drag the rest down the drain with them.

I don't want to be unkind and mention clubs by name, so let this suffice: the applicants include clubs which have failed miserably even in the State leagues, clubs which have no decent grounds, clubs whose following is so small that in the "Herald's" Results Section on Mondays there could list not just the scores but also the names and addresses of all their spectators.

What on earth do they want in the NSL? And what do others want there, others who never have been able to excel at any level, in any league, before?

Do they imagine that if their administration has been inadequate to put them on the State map, the same lot of people suddenly will become geniuses and set the world on fire in the NSL?

Some who view soccer emotionally and not logically will disagree with me; people who argue on the basis of what they would like rather than what we have will even call me fancy names.

But this is a risk I always have been willing to take, so let me come out honestly and openly: purely district-based clubs, without strong ethnic ties, have absolutely no chance to survive in the NSL.

We can lament this fact, we can even deny it. But I'd like some disprove it.

The race is on; it awaits Kuringai, Manly, Sutherland, Penrith and all the others which, with the innocent faith of early Christians, will open their gates and expect to see the local Aussies to flock to their matches.

They won't. They never have. Don't ask me why I am not sure I merely have a million vague theories myself.

I'd have much more faith in some new NSL clubs if they couldollar the support of the large South American group, or perhaps the Lebanese, Chinese or even Vietnamese rather than suburban Australia.

This is why Croatia and Melita may make it; this is why the Auburns, Bankstown, Granville and others always have failed.

And a piece of advice to those naive souls who still cling to the charming belief that a district club can have senior aspirations because they have "vast" junior reserves.

Recently, before the Sydney Hakka v Canberra match, at 1:30 pm, a large gathering was observed behind one of the goals. At least 100 juniors, all in their playing togs, with their managers, coaches and parents. Some 300 strong.

It was presentation day. When it was over, almost all — possibly all — packed their loot, walked out of the ground, got into their cars and went home.

At 3 pm the senior match started — without them. Once again, the nexus between senior and junior soccer was broken. Not for the first time . . . and not for the last.

Just in case you think that juniors or their families are interested in NSL matches . . .

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Calling Poland, Croatia, Italy, Makedonia and Greece

Knox City (Vic) will hold a "World Cup" competition between teams representing various nationalities.

The competition will be run over four weekends starting on Saturday-Sunday November 12-13 with the finals on the weekend of December 3-4.

There will be a perpetual cup and medals for the winners, with runners-up and third place also receiving medals.

"Countries" will be allowed to use only players born there and each "country" will be allowed 16 players.

Five countries are committed to take part — Scotland, England, Holland, Hungary and Australia and others are invited to participate, e.g. Poland, Croatia, Italy, Germany, Spain, Malta, Yugoslavia, Greece, Ireland, Makedonia, Turkey, Lebanon, Vietnam, etc.

Any club or person who can arrange a team from any of these countries should contact any of the following:

Graham Roddis 729 7827, Bill Bright 221 4260, Alec Strahan 729 6852, Bill Stoffers 729 1781, Tony Kennedy 763 7542, Dave Andrews 729 6834.

Closing date is 15-10-83.

LET'S GO FOR SKILL WITH CRINO, WATSON

Forget the stars based overseas

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Speculation has started and will undoubtedly grow about the composition of the Australian squad to the Merlion tournament in Singapore in December.

Ultimately, it will be up to coach Les Scheinfug to make the decision and he will not make it lightly.

With his full-time coaching position now in doubt, Les will want to achieve some spec-

tacular results in Singapore — a sort of America's Cup triumph on a smaller scale.

As always and everywhere in the world, no two people quite agree on the "best" team. I'm sure the 16 NSL coaches would nominate 16 different squads.

Disagreement in matters such as this express personal opinions, leanings towards certain playing concepts or implicit bias in players who do the job.

I have no idea what Les Scheinfug's choices will be and I'm not even sure whether he will create a squad for Singapore only or one which could then form the nucleus of our World Cup challenge in 1984-85.

This is again a matter on which we can argue heatedly — but only Les can decide.

Given his hot seat, I know I would opt for as many skilful "ballplayers" as possible; I would disregard age as an obstacle and would consider players who are soon off to Europe and may stay there in 1984 — such as Alan Davidson and Tom McCulloch.

Neither would I bother to recall overseas-based players such as David Mitchell or Eddie Krueke.

Such moves are commonly done in Europe where players can rejoin national teams after a two-year flight — but not in our case.

So these are the guidelines. Now, what about "my" squad?

Having looked at all the eligible players, adding to and deleting from the list several times, I've come up with this squad of 22:

GOALKEEPERS: Greedy and Boland.

DEFENDERS: Cant, O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Yankos, Blair, R. O'Shea, Curovic and Mason.

MIDFIELDERS: Katholos, Patikas, Raskopoulos, Crino, Senkalski and P. Tredinnick.

STRIKERS: Kosmina, O'Connor, Watson, Cotton, Jennings and Lucchesi.

Flankers

Greedy selects himself;

Boland is a model of con-



Suleiman Curovic (right) guards the line as his goalkeeper Dennis Boland makes a save for J.U.S.T.



Roy Cotton

sistency with a superb positioning and reflexes.

I would have three players in the defence capable of playing on the flanks (Cant, O'Shea and Curovic).

Mason is a vastly underrated player — who could also move into midfield — while Blair is a man of future.

Against Asian teams Australia would reasonably play with one stopper and one sweeper only (not two stoppers and a sweeper as against England), so one would have to choose two from the centrebacks listed.

Actually, it will be surprising if Scheinfug overlooks the Ratcliffe-Yankos duo — but he might.

The midfield is where the team's engine room is built — and I have picked six players who are all better than aver-

age in skill, distribution and speed.

Admittedly, some are better tacklers among them than others but there isn't one there who would shirk a physical challenge.

I feel that Joe Senkalski and Peter Tredinnick are long overdue for recognition. Crino and Patikas have now matured for the senior side while Katholos and Raskopoulos (if the latter is fit) can provide the dynamism and power.

Finally, the strikers Few will argue (well, some will) with Kosmina and O'Connor; the others seem controversial.

But where are the better ones? Mirko and Krstevic are gone. Sharpe is in the mould of his former self, so is Gary Cole while Soper could trigger an international incident in Singapore if not a shooting war.

I don't feel that Lowe, Daunt, Wright, Mullen, Rankin, Slater and other youngsters have improved enough yet for the Socceroos side; Slater is going to England anyway.

Roy Cotton is possibly the most skilful of all strikers in Australia; it's hard to explain his continued omission purely in football terms.

Watson would be an ideal foil for Kosmina while Lucchesi is a good finisher. Jennings has been included here — as I don't feel he will make it at fullback, despite what Tommy Docherty and others might say about it.

If I had to select a team from this squad — purely for the Singapore tournament, not any further — I would name this XI:

Greedy — Cant, Yankos, Ratcliffe, R. O'Shea — Katholos, Crino, P. Tredinnick — Watson, Kosmina, O'Connor.

Any takers?

Sumner hat-trick but watch Tuua



Steve Sumner

Steve Sumner, now playing for south Auckland club Manurewa, marked the completion of his first season back in New Zealand after two in Australia, by capturing a remarkable "hat-trick" of New Zealand championship medal, Golden Boot trophy and New Zealand Soccer Writers' Association's Players of the Year award.

The Golden Boot was substituted this year and will be presented annually to the national league's leading goalscorer.

The former Newcastle KB United and West Adelaide Hellas player notched 18 goals during the recently-completed campaign — four ahead of

It was a memorable weekend for Tuua, as, within 24

— PAUL MOON

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Panathinaikos, Red Star, Verona here?



a few weeks. But I suppose all we can do is hope ...

Best wishes, Uncle Joe

Former World Cup coach Joe Vlasits, who also was assistant coach of the 1981 World Youth Championship, is seriously ill, and I'm sure everyone in soccer will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Affectionately known as Uncle Joe, he has given a lifetime to soccer and many young players, including me, have benefited from his advice and guidance.

Paraguayans kick on

Talking about the youth team, we played against Paraguay in a WYC elimination series in 1979, and two of our opponents were Julio Caesar Romero and Roberto Cabanas, now stars with the New York Cosmos.

Both 22, they have attracted attention from clubs all over the world.

Cabanas, together with Georgio Chimiglio, in the only Cosmos players to have exceeded 50 points for a season.

His total this season was made up of 25 goals and 16 assists.

If you want to know more about Romero, ask Alan Davidson. He had to mark him in Paraguay.

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ONLY FIVE IN THE RUNNING

With only 18 votes left to be gained, only five players are left in the running for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

They are Phil O'Connor (Wollongong), Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), Alan Davidson (SM-Hellas), David Ratcliffe (St George) and Zarko Odzakov (Makedonia).

Yankos gained one vote on

leader O'Connor at the weekend, while Ratcliffe and Odzakov also advanced.

But O'Connor and Yankos are so far ahead of the others that they must rate as the two favorites. Who will win? It all depends on the last three matches.

Charlie Egan (Hellas), Roy Cotton (Wollongong) and Jamie Paton (JUST) strengthened their positions in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award, while joint leaders Doug Brown (Hellas) and Marshall Soper (Olympic) failed to score at the weekend.

This week's votes:
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Lea 2, Cole). PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (McMillan penalty) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 6000.

Votes by Laurie Schwab:
6. Patterson (H), 5. Lea (H). 4. Ratcliff (Mak), 3. Yankos (H), 2. Macleod (H), 1 Cole (C). 6. WOLLONGONG 2 (Cotton,

Dunleavy) NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 2 (Lowe 2) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Philip Miller:

6. Gaffney (W), 5. Willis (W), 4. Lowe (N), 3. Cotton (W), 2. O'Connor (W), 1 Jones (N).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTO 2 (Mullen 2) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

6. Mullen (AC), 5. Villani (AC), 4. Flounders (AC), 3. B. Nys (AC), 2. Tokesi (BC), 1. Rainey (AC).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Lowe, Paton pen) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Schlettner Reserve. Crowd about 1500.

Votes by Peter Desira:

6. McDowell (JUST), 5. Kyriakouleas (JUST), 4. Dunn (WA), 3. Tuttill (JUST), 2. Boland (JUST), 1. Heys (WA).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Wright, Daunt) CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (MacLaren) at Richlands. Crowd about 1500.

Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Vincent (BL), 5. T. Byrne (C), 4. Niven (BL), 3. J. Stewart (BL), 2. R. Stewart (BL), 1. Christopoulos (C).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Ratcliffe, Slater) APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (Carter) at St George Stadium. Crowd 3100. Votes by Andrew Dettre:

6. Ratcliffe (SLG), 5. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 4. Skeen (C), Hoszowski (SLG), 3. Parks (APIA), 2. R.

O'Shea (St. G), 1. Marton (St. G).

41. Mariani (APIA).

40. T. Byrne (C), Bertogna (APIA).

38. Halford (SM), Patikas (SO), Honeyman (WA), Tokesi (BC).

37. Katholos (SO), B. Nys (AC).

36. Roberton (SC), R. Stewart (BL), Vlietstra (W), Wishart, Hamilton (BC), Senkalski (N).

35. Murphy (SM).

34. G. Campbell, McMillan (Mak), Boland (JUST), Perry (BC).

33. Lucchesi (Mak), Meita (AC).

32. Lea (H), S. O'Connor (SC), Villani (AC), Niven (BL), McDowell (JUST), G. Watson (N).

31. Hunter (BL).

30. Egan (SM), Paterson (SO), Gaffney (W), Belic (JUST), Mason (N), Flounders (AC).

Top Scorers:

13. Brown (SM), Soper (SO).

12. Kosminis (SC), Bradley (APIA).

11. Egan (SM), O'Connor (W), Cotton (W), Paton (JUST).

10. Mullen (AC).

9. Marton (St. G), Lea (H), Wright (BL), Ward, Lucchesi (Mak).

8. Bryant (C), R. Brown (Marc), Slater (St. G), Lowe (N), Mountford (N).

7. J. Campbell (H), Hamilton (BC).

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Hellas-Marconi: replay of the 4:3 bonanza

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Many Italian fans also are expected to attend, because Hellas and Marconi staged one of the most spectacular matches in Australian soccer history.

It was the 1980 NSL elimination final, in which Hellas beat Marconi 4:3 in front of a 4500 crowd at Middle Park.

Marconi shot to a 3-0 lead with goals by Peter Sharpe, Gary Byrne and Eddie Krnicic, but Hellas hit back to win 4:3 with goals by Branko Buljevic, Arthur Xanthopoulos and two by Alan Evans including the winner nine minutes from the end.

The teams, with "Soccer Action" rating, were:

HELLAS: Laumets 7, Blair 5, Xanthopoulos 3, Lutton 8, Davidson 8 — Rogers 7, Cummings 7, Campbell 6 — Kakamine 6 (Wright, half time), Evans 10, Buljevic 8.

MARCONI: Marconi 6, Ratcliffe 7, Prakalo 8, Henderson 6, Cant 6 — Raskopoulos 6, G. Byrne 9, Mariani 6 (Lindsay 77th) — Sharpe 8, Jankovic 6, Krnicic 8.

The referee was Chris Brambridge who also scored a nine-rating.

Of those listed, only five will play on Sunday — Laumets, Blair, and Davidson for Hellas, and Henderson and Jankovic for Marconi.

After Marconi, Hellas meets APIA and Brisbane Lions away in the last two games of the season. It has to win all three to make sure of the title, and it has to hope that both Sydney Hakoah and St. George Budapest slip up in the last three rounds.

Marconi may be strengthened this week by the return of striker Rod Brown, but Hellas starts as slight favorite in what will be a closely-fought match.

Doug Brown missed three goal scoring opportunities last week, and Oscar Crino also came close, meaning Hellas should have beaten Sydney Olympic by perhaps four goals instead of two.

Opposite coach Manfred Schaefer acknowledged Hellas' class by saying: "They are a very good team and deserve to go for the title. I switched fullback Graham Jennings with winger Gary Phillips at half time to give us more power up front but Hellas finished much too strongly."

But Marconi also played well in holding Hakoah to a 1-1 draw, thanks to a goal by Jankovic — his 71st in the NSL, making him second to Gary Cole in the scoring; and Jankovic could have won the match with a shot that hit the crossbar.

Jankovic looms as a big threat to the Hellas defence.

On the other hand, Hellas pair Charlie Egan and Doug Brown look virtually unstoppable. Over 90 minutes, it's odds-on that one or the other will score, no matter how closely they're marked. What's more, midfielders Oscar Crino, Carl Halford and Ben Morris are responding to coach Len McKendry's instructions to push themselves forward whenever possible and take some of the goalscoring responsibility away from Brown and Egan.

Sydney Hakoah meanwhile has been robbed of its home ground advantage, and will play at either Marconi Stadium or St. George Stadium on Sunday against Brisbane Lions.

The Sydney Athletic Field, where Hakoah is undefeated this year, is unavailable this week.

The club's bosses want the match played at Marconi Stadium, but captain Murray Barnes believes it would be a big mistake.

"We haven't had a favorable result at Marconi for years," Barnes said.

"I believe the management should pay the extra rent for a ground like St. George Stadium, where we are far more likely to gain a favorable result."

No matter where the game is played, Hakoah has many more talented players than Lions and should win. Hakoah's big test will be in Newcaste the following week.

St. George Budapest, the new league leader, faces Newcastle on Saturday, and I believe a draw is as good a result

Those who arrive early on Sunday will see an Under 16 curtain-raiser which starts at 1 pm.

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in brackets:

SATURDAY

Newcastle KB United v St George Budapest (draw) at International Sports Centre, 3 pm. Record: New 4 wins, 1 draw, 4 losses, 15.14 goals.

SUNDAY

APIA-Leichhardt v HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER at Lamport Park, 3 pm. Record: Hberg 6 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 21.8 goals.

Brisbane City v WOLLONGONG at Spencer Park, 3 pm. Record: Bris. C. 2 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 6.5 goals.

Preston Makedonia v FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Connor Reserve, 3 pm. Record: Makedonia 4 wins, 0 draw, 1 loss, 12.3 goals.

West Adelaide Hellas v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm. Record: Syd. Olympic 6 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses, 12.8 goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Marconi-Fairfield at Middle Park, 3 pm. Record: Marconi 6 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 23.17 goals.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Brisbane Lions at Marconi Stadium, or St George Stadium, 3 pm (check details).

Record: Hakoah 6 wins, 4 draws, 3 losses, 22.14 goals.

Canberra Arrows v. Adelaide City Juventus (draw) at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.

Record: Adel. Juve. 5 wins, 6 draws, 2 losses, 18.13 goals.

NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

PARKES (2)
(APIA)

RATCLIFFE (6)
(St. G. Budapest)

KYRIAKOULEAS (4)
(Feets. JUST)

DOJORDJEVIC (3)
(Makedoni)

WATSON (6)
(SC-Hellas)

CRINO (4)
(SM-Hellas)

MCDOWELL (3)
(Feets JUST)

ODZAKOV (6)
(Makedonia)

MULLEN (3)

LEA (2)

PATTERSON (1)

Last week's standings in brackets.

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	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts	
1. (4) St. George Budapest	7	5	1	19	9	6	4	4	20	15	39:24	48	
2. (1) Sydney City Hakoah	9	4	0	24	6	4	5	5	16	21	40:27	48	
3. (5) South Melbourne Hellas	7	3	4	20	17	7	2	4	20	16	40:33	47	
4. (3) Newcastle KB United	6	4	3	18	7	7	3	4	24	15	42:22	46	
5. (2) Preston Makedonia	9	2	2	27	12	4	5	5	15	18	42:30	46	
6. (6) Sydney Olympic	6	3	6	22	19	5	2	5	13	12	35:31	38	
7. (7) APIA-Leichhardt	9	2	2	26	9	2	2	10	14	23	40:32	37	
8. (8) Marconi-Fairfield	6	5	3	24	18	3	5	5	15	16	39:34	37	
9. (11) Footscray J.U.S.T.	6	4	4	16	19	3	4	6	17	17	23:36	35	
10. (12) Heidelberg-Alexander	7	2	4	19	13	1	8	5	11	21	30:34	34	
11. (13) Adelaide City Juventus	6	3	6	18	17	3	3	7	15	19	33:30	33	
12. (9) Brisbane City	4	5	4	19	20	4	4	6	12	21	31:41	33	
13. (10) Canberra Arrows	7	3	3	25	13	2	2	10	15	32	40:45	32	
14. (14) West Adelaide Hellas	4	6	4	15	17	1	6	6	6	16	21:33	27	
15. (16) Brisbane Lions	5	2	6	22	21	1	4	9	11	34	33:55	24	
16. (15) Wollongong		1	10	3	18	19	2	4	8	20	33	38:54	23



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Victorian club Springvale City returned from Adelaide on Monday after winning the Cumberland Trophy for the first time since the inception of the annual challenge between City and Cumberland United in 1978.

City defeated Cumberland 3-1, with two goals from player-coach Ian Greener and one from young striker Nick Karantonis.

City reserves drew 0-0 with Cumberland reserves but the Victorians won the under-14 junior challenge 3-1, to round off a suc-

Jankovics opens up the title race



Alex Vesic

Marconi 1 SC-Hakoah 1

Scorers: Boden (SC) Jankovics (M1).
Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 1670
Referees: Richard Lorenz & Yellow cards: Mullen, Cant, O'Connor, Kay, Boden (SC) Budini, Winn (M)

Can Saints keep top spot?



Andrew Dettre

St George 2 APIA 1

Scorers: St George — Ratcliffe 14th, Slater 26th — APIA — Carter 34th.
Venue: St George Stadium
Crowd: 3100
Referee: Tony Boskovic 9.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 6, Skenan 8, M. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 8, R. O'Shea 8, Stone 7, Wilkinson 6, J. O'Shea 7, Slater 6, Marton 7 (Petkovski 84th min). **Coach:** Frank Arok.

APIA-LEICHARDT: Perkins 8, Carter 7, Bartogna 7, Mariani 6, Brown 6, J. Batalico 6, Bradley 6, Valeri 6 (Sharma 81st min) P. Tredinnick 8, Morsello 6, Gray 7. **Coach:** Phil Batalico.

Three flukey goals decided the fate of the match.

No. 1. In the 14th minute Bertie Mariani's penalised for exceeding the four-step rule; Marton's precision lob finds Ratcliffe whose header from five metres is deadly.

No. 2. In the 26th minute Bertie Mariani's volleyed clearance in the goalmouth hits Ratcliffe smack in the face — the ball runs loose to Slater who dummies and slots in a low shot at the near post.

No. 3. Carter takes a free-kick on the right, some 35 metres from goal. The referee judged the ball almost certainly meant for the goalmouth, sails over everybody's head, including the stunned Greedy, and pops into the far corner.

Much better actions and combinations before and later failed to add to the scoreline — such are the fortunes of war.

For the first 33 minutes, until that demolishing Carter goal, the Saints were toying with APIA and seemed set to cruise to a very big win.

A vicious Marton freekick in the 9th minute missed by inches and after 2-0, Stone's shot went narrowly over the bar.

The Saints were flinging the ball around delightfully — here was the Arok School in action.

But all changed after 2-1; APIA took over and continued to hold almost all the aces until the last 20 minutes when it simply ran out of steam.

Bradley, Morsello and Valeri all had great chances from not further than eight metres — but all shot over the bar.

In between, the Saints, having regained their earlier composure, created two even bigger chances.

In the 70th minute a delicate Marton chip was dispatched goalwards, beating Parks, only to see Carter head it off the line.

A mere five minutes later, after a solo slalom through the defence, Marton chipped a perfect cross to the far post where Wilkinson, unmolesited, somehow headed wide from four metres.

Both teams were laboring under handicaps: APIA was without playmaker Butler (suspended), while the Saints, without adequate depth among the reserves, had to field a semi-fit Slater, Wilkinson, Marton, Bartogna and the flu-struck Robbie O'Shea.

It's precisely this wafer-thin squad that could eventually thwart St George's brave title bid.

MARCONI: James 7, Djordjevic 8, Henderson 7, Budini 7, Bozanic 7, Carbone 5, (Licitra 80') Sermani 7, McCulloch 6, Jankovics 7, Winn 7, Hunter 6.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pezzano 7, Mullen 6 (Gomez 75'), O'Connor 6, Robertson 7, Cant 6, Kay 6, Watson 8, Barnes 6, Murray 6, Boden 7, Kosmina 5.

Sydney City Hakoah lost its lead in the National League after a dismal performance at Marconi Stadium.

For the first quarter of an hour Hakoah looked all set to overpower Marconi by a comfortable margin.

Ken Boden was on hand to capitalise on an error by Sermani before playing a neat one-two with John Kosmina and racing through Marconi's backline before beating James in the 15th minute, then Hakoah had a penalty kick some eight minutes later after McCulloch and Bozanic appear to tackle Kosmina on the edge of the box.

Kosmina hit the post and from that moment on Marconi gained a new lease of life.

Hakoah battled gamely but then came the equaliser from Jankovics, one of the best he has scored at Marconi Stadium. Hunter floated a cross to the far post, Winn had a touch before Jankovics hit a left-foot volley which rocketed past Pezzano and into the top left-hand corner.

A few minutes later it was Hunter who hit a left-footer that beat Pezzano, only to see the ball clear the crossbar by inches. In the last minute, it was Jankovics again who broke through Hakoah's defence to face Pezzano but his left-footer hit the crossbar. Minutes after the restart

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kovics but luckily for Hakoah was missed.

Marconi had its own problems with Attilio Carbone out of touch, Licitra (for a short time on the park) still looking to regain form, and Henderson and Budini working at cross purposes at time. But the Winn-Jankovics combination up front is starting to look dangerous.

Tom Sermani, Bozanic and Djordjevic had solid games while McCulloch also put a lot of effort into the game.



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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**HONORS
GALORE**

You can't blame a few Frankston Pines supporters for being a little blasé about success. League championships are an accepted part of this progressive club's way of life.

The foundation of the club goes back to the mid 1960's when it was known as 'The Pines Boys Soccer Club', due to the fact that it started with juniors only.

A lot of parents enjoyed a 'kick around' on Sunday afternoons so it only was natural that a senior team was formed. After a succession of friendly games, the senior team entered the South of the Yarra league and in its first season, 1967, finished runner-up.

The following year Pines went a step better by winning the championship of the now defunct District League. The players who took part in this historic event were P. Blasby, B. Jackson, T. Tennent, J. Johnson, B. Lewis, J. Godwin, L. Woodward, J. Ward, G. Paulding, D. Bower, G. Law, A. Fairclough, V. Cullen, C. Cullen, D. Anderson, D. Anderson.

There was no promotion into Metro ranks in those days, so Pines had to be content to compete in the lower leagues and in 1972 the club again won the District League championship.

The following season, 1973, Pines played in the newly formed Provisional League and made it two championships in a row.

The VSF reorganised the Provisional League in 1977, opening up promotion and relegation between the Provisional League and the Metropolitan League, which was great news for Pines.

Former Australian international John Anderson coached Pines in 1977 but the side failed to find the consistency required to win the championship, finishing fourth behind Werribee, Fawkner and Geelong.

George Paulding took over as coach for 1978 and Pines started the season in great fashion, showing plenty of character and determination, going 17 games undefeated before losing at home to Hume Rangers. During that superb stretch, Pines scored 50 goals and conceded just 14.

After losing to Hume Rangers, Pines lapsed in form, finishing the last five matches with just one win and two draws. Nevertheless, its lead was insurmountable and Pines were champions of the Provisional League for 1978.

At last the club had gained the reward it so richly deserved — entry into Metro ranks — and the bandwagon kept rolling year in, year out.

Tommy Randles was appointed coach for the 1979 season, guiding the club to the Metro Fourth Division title. Pines continued their triumphant march through Metro ranks by winning the Third Division championship in 1980 and their second placed finish to the 1981 season in Second Division gave them a ticket into the First Division.

Pines finished fourth in First Division last season, Randles' last, after an outstanding four year coaching stint.

Danny McMinimee was appointed coach for this season, guiding the club to a runner-up place behind champion Wester Suburbs.

Now, Pines are set to make their assault on the State League championship next year. What an amazingfeat it would be if Pines won the title and gained inclusion in the NSL in 1985. From Provisional League to NSL in six seasons? There's not a club in Victoria and probably no-one in Australia who could match such an effort.



Pines in 1980. Back row: Brian Paulding, George Malcolm, Colin Mitchell, David Stutchbury, Sean Harrison, Steve Cairns, Gary Watson. Front row: Dave Ferris, Bobby Dobbing, John Irvine, Dennis Bennett, John Cameron, Hans Effren.

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Frankston Pines. Back row: Danny McMinimee (coach), Chris Kovac, Kevin Wall, Brian Paulding, John Cullen, Gordon Livingstone, Ian McGinnigle, Jimmy Wilson, John Cummings, Tommy Mitchell

(team manager). Front row: John McDonald (assistant coach), Danny Davidson, Paul Cooke, Lou Ivnoff, Tom O'Halloran, Steve Beech, Paul Luca, Craig Miller, Steve Spencer. Missing: Ian McNeil.

Beech the supporters' best

Steve Beech, who joined this year from Preston Makedonia, was voted Player of the Year recently by the Frankston Pines supporters' club.

Former Slavia midfielder John Cullen was runner-up and former Nunawading City and Morwell star, Tom O'Halloran, was third.

The supporters' presentation night is a separate function from the club presentation night which will be held at the clubrooms on the evening of Saturday, October 22.

Previous winners of the supporters' club Player of the Year award have been Derek Thomas, Colin Mitchell, Bobby Dobbing and Sam Murray.

The award for the supporters' club Player of the Year in the reserves was won by Steve Spencer. Runner-up was Bob Geddis.

Voting in this unique award is done by a panel of five supporters who cast votes at every league match throughout the season.

**Hodgson
at the
helm**

John Hodgson, a self-employed businessman, chairman of the Metropolitan League board of management and member of the VSF board of management, is president of Frankston Pines and chairs committee meetings.

Hodgson also is on three VSF standing committees: the grounds and fixtures sub-committee, the tour sub-committee, and the examining and screening sub-committee.

The other Pines office bearers are: Jim Badley (secretary); Henry Tobin (vice-president); Mrs Sheila Hodgson (treasurer); and Bill Lewis (junior secretary).

General committee members are: Ted Chester, Alan Stirling, Bob Ward, Jim and Joe Tromans.

The club will hold its annual general meeting for 1983 on Monday, October 24, starting at 8pm. The venue is the clubrooms at Monterey Boulevard.

**HONORED WITH A**

Frankston city council will honor Frankston Pines with a civic reception at the council chambers tomorrow evening (Thursday).

The club's first team players, coaching staff and committee will be guests of the Lord Mayor of Frankston, emphasising the healthy relationship existing between the club and council.

Pines are a rarity among soccer clubs in Victoria. They have a heightened sense of community

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ON PINES

The first British club to win State League?

Frankston Pines need five new players to win State League next year according to coach Danny McMinimie — a back four player, two midfielders and two strikers.

However, McMinimie stressed that the current first teamers would be given the first opportunity to prove themselves worthy of State League competition next year. "We want to see the first British club to win the State League championship and we've got everything going for us. There's no reason why Frankston Pines can't do it in 1984. All recent State League champions have been clubs with plenty of money and a really sound administration. Pines have got both."

Winners on and off the field, gathered together at Frankston Pines recent supporters' club presentation night. From left: Jane Hill (Labor MLA for Frankston), Tom O'Halloran, David Charles (Labor member for the federal seat of Isaacs), Steve Beach, John Cullen, John Hodgson (club president), councillor Ted Holman, councillor Albert Knowles. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Playing days were spent with Slavia, Preston Makedonia, Dandenong City, Whyalla Lions and Doveton. He joined the Doves in 1974, taking over as caretaker coach during the latter part of that season. The following year, 1976 McMinimie, as non-playing coach, guided Doveton to promotion from the Second Division.

McMinimie was appointed coach late last year after work commitments forced him to drop out of the running for the Morwell Falcons job. McMinimie works as a contract fitter for CIG in Dandenong. He's 38, married with three children — two girls and a boy.

McMinimie was born in Glasgow in Scotland. He arrived in Melbourne in 1962. His

State League Cup, 2-1 by Doveton.

However, McMinimie resigned from the job before the start of the 1982 season.

"I felt Doveton had gone as far as it could. The club was unable to generate the extra income needed to buy the few players that could have afforded it to take a crack at the title. I felt that I couldn't do any more there."

McMinimie switched to Melbourne, taking the Hungarian-backed club to the Second Division title last year.

"It was a really enjoyable year for me at Melbourne. I had a great time there. But Melbourne had a similar problem to Doveton's. The club couldn't really put the time and effort into team building to have a try at the First Division. That's why I think all its energies were directed to establishing its new headquarters at Williamstown."

When McMinimie was appointed coach of Frankston Pines, he didn't take long to revamp the player payments structure at the progressive club.

"I wasn't happy at first with the system of match payments. Players were getting the same money win, lose or draw. I'm strongly against that. Players must play on an incentive basis and that's exactly what I did. Some players didn't like that, which is understandable I suppose. It can amount to asking them to take a cut in wages. Many players left, not all to do with the money situation, and I found myself with just Brian Paulding, John Cullen, and Tom O'Halloran remaining from last year's regulars."

Mick McGorrian switched to Sunshine, George Cross, Gerry Edmondson joined Richmond, Hugh Campbell moved to Springvale City, Dave Luca signed for Melbourne, Brian Keenan joined Box Hill, and the goalkeeping Stutchbury brothers, David and Roger, never showed up at the club, leaving McMinimie with many holes to plug.

Gordon Livingstone, Paul Luca, Ian McGinninle and latterly Steve Spencer all were drafted into the firsts from the reserves. Lou Ivanoff was signed from Doveton, Chris Kovac from Melbourne, Cross, Steve Beach from Makedonia, Paul Cooke and Kevin Wall from Frankston City, Danny Davidson and Jimmy Wilson from Hellas-Hakoah, Alec McConville from Melbourne and John Cummings, a Scottish migrant, arrived this year. Kurt Bohr, who came from Germany this year, played a few first team games.

McMinimie also wanted to change the club's style of play.

"I'd heard that the first team had been very defensive, concentrating on keeping players behind the ball, rather than putting the emphasis on getting players forward. It was very difficult at first to change the habits of some players, but with the new players it was easy. They

hadn't been programmed like the others."

"I had a few players from strife-torn clubs. These players had learned to become suspicious because their trust had been broken at these clubs. It takes time to change that sort of attitude but I think that's succeeded by the end of this season."

McMinimie expects Pines to have a three-man senior coaching panel next year. This season he's been assisted by just one man, John McDonald, who has been with McMinimie's side in a coaching capacity for the past five years. Their understanding is very important to McMinimie.

"John does the same sort of work with the reserves that I do with the seniors and the quality of his work is so good that I can get one or two of his players to take on the job. I don't want to go over a lot of things with him. I envisage three men being employed next year. I think we need a separate reserve team coach in State League, which would allow John and me to concentrate our energies on the first team more."

PAUL COOKE (midfielder): A superb striker of the ball, his vision and disposal are his greatest assets and he's also given Pines many goals. Signed from Frankston City this season.

IAN McNEIL (midfielder): Fearsome competitor signed from Knox this year. Ex-Hakoah Melbourne. According to McMinimie, McNeil was worth his weight in gold to Pines, especially in the first half of the season.

JOHN CULLEN (midfielder): Clearly one of the classiest players outside of State League. Formerly with Slavia, he's tall, elegant and reads plays well. McMinimie made Cullen captain mid-way through this season.

PAUL LUCA (midfielder): He's only 17 and is an outstanding prospect. A very skilful player.

TOM O'HALLORAN (forward): Enjoyed a tremendous first half of the season. Has excellent skills and tore a Broadmeadows full back to ribbons in a recent game. Can get a bit worked up before a game and McMinimie would like to see him adopt a more relaxed pre-game attitude.

KENNY WALL (forward): Did a good job for Pines. He joined from Frankston City this season but is a former Pines player. Ex-Green Gully Ajax. Importantly, Wall has proven that he can score goals in State League company and he'll be a major part of the club's push for honours in 1984.

IAN McGINNINLE (forward): Like Luca, he's just 17. He's fast, strong and enthusiastic. McMinimie predicts a big future for this lad.

New dressing rooms, gymnasium and terracing on the way

Frankston Pines won't merely be out to consolidate their new State League status next year. According to secretary John Bardsley predominantly British, the working class club will aim to win the championship.

"We're out to win the State League title in 1984. And if we don't we expect to be promoted to the new national League under the new promotion and relegation set-up and we'll accept," said Bardsley, in his 12th year with Pines.

Bardsley came to Australia in 1971 from Manchester in England where he played rugby league. An uncle and cousin here introduced him to Frankston Pines and he became a member. Bardsley joined the social committee in 1973, serving as chairman for a time, until joining the main committee as secretary in 1978. He left the club in 1979 due to work commitments but returned in 1981.

He's seen the development of the club's fine facilities at its Monterey Boulevard home complex and like all long serving Pines supporters, he's extremely proud of the club's achievements both on and off the park.

"When I first joined, our rooms consisted of a little green shed at the side of the ground. In 1981 we built new clubrooms, a press box, changing rooms, showers, kitchen and social areas. We added about \$80,000 worth of extensions in 1980 and we now have one of the finest clubrooms in Victoria. And a lot of the work has been done by members. That's the kind of club we are."

The clubrooms are insured against fire and damage. The insurance company valued them at \$250,000.

Work should start soon on new changing rooms. The local council will put up \$15,000, half of the project's cost.

Pines are also developing their car parking facilities. The present car parking area, from the main entrance to the social rooms, will have tarmac laid shortly.

Other proposed works include a gymnasium, terracing on the covered stand area on the outer part of the ground, and a press and members stand joining the present clubrooms. When completed, the latter will seat 100 people. Floodlighting is another area of planned development. The club hopes to improve its floodlighting in order to play mid-week matches.

The council already has started work on top-dressing the main ground which should be in excellent condition next year.

When Bardsley joined Pines, he was one of about 100 members, a figure which has jumped to over 500 this year. With more media attention focussed on the club, State League in 1984 and a desire to be in full swing (the club is to be granted a full liquor licence late this year), Pines have every reason to believe that they are just a handful of years away from striding alongside the might of Victorian soccer in clubs like South Melbourne, Hellas, Heidelberg, Footscray J.U.S.T., Preston Makedonia, Green Gully Ajax, Croatia and Juventus.

Bardsley has a high opinion of coach Danny McMinimie, the former Doveton boss who was hired by Pines this year.

"Danny came to us with a lot of new ideas. He had a more professional outlook than anything we'd seen before. He's a very strict disciplinarian but when it came to players participating in club functions, he told them that he didn't want to see them sitting in their own groups. He wanted them to mix with the members, to make everyone realise that we're all in this together and that's very important for any club," said Bardsley.

Pines don't enjoy large sponsorship. Frankly, it doesn't matter. They only get about \$3,000 a year in sponsorship money but are so strong socially, that they enjoy a very healthy financial position, which will improve further when the club gains a full liquor licence.

The average attendance at Pines games this year has been about 500, a figure which should jump to around 1,000 over the next few seasons.

ness as evidenced by the part they play in using charity functions for local bodies.

Frankston Community Hospital was the beneficiary of charity days organised by Pines in '81 and '82. Over \$2,000 was raised on one of the occasions. This year the local Menzies Boys

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HO, HUM, IT'S GREEN AND WHITE AGAIN

If Laurie Schwab, Peter Desira, Bob Brian and Les Shorrock can move over a little (actually, a lot) there just might be enough room for me to squeeze into a place near the rear of the Green Gully Ajax bandwagon.

Just about everyone I know expects Ajax to win the State League Cup on Sunday by beating arch rival Melbourne Croatia in the final at Olympic Park No. 1.

It's all becoming a bit of a bore really. Here we go again with another cup draped in green and white ribbons.

But imagine Mr. Shorrock lauding the qualities of the Green Gully Ajax. Remember his match report in "Soccer Action" on July 20 this year? The headline read: "Ajax won't win championship".

Mr. Shorrock's report on Ajax's 1-0 win against Albion opened with this paragraph:

"As far as football skills were concerned, this game was a dismal flop, and a bitter disappointment to Gully fans who were hoping against hope that their heroes can retain their title... no chance!"

My, how this flicker fluctuates! It's Gully all the way nowadays.

I make no qualms about this. I just love saying I told you so, but Mr. Shorrock's sudden change of heart has cast doubt on Gully's ability to account for Croatia on Sunday. Gully players have to be careful not to become too cocky, because Croatia has players who can get into scoring positions and finish well.

I'm not just talking about Dave Brogan and Tommy Cumming. Josip Biskic and Jozo Antolovic have scored 10 goals in the league between them this season and Jeff Faulkner strikes a powerful shot, especially on his left foot. Even Gully's midfield skills are as good as any in State League. The one cloud over the talented youngster's ability to perform here, hovers over his physical qualities. That's an area of his game which still needs to be developed.

And against hard hitting Ajax, you don't get second chances. Ajax has much more bite in midfield whereas Croatia's midfielders, with the exception of Jeff Faulkner, are relatively inexperienced. That's a worry for Croatia supporters.

The last time David Smallman played in a cup final at Olympic Park's main ground he scored a classic goal and played a superb through ball for Paul Lewis to score. Smallman's magic had a big hand in Ajax's stunning 5-0 win over Heidelberg Alexander in this year's Ampol Cup final.

It's important however, to note that there's been little between Ajax and Croatia in their two league games this season. Up at Green Gully Reserve, in the first clash,

teams finished locked together at 1-1. At Olympic Park, in the second half of the season, Ajax had two good strikes at goal, scoring once, and running out a narrow 1-0 victory.

This should be a very close, hard fought game. The only reason I think Ajax will win is because of its far greater experience and because of striker Paul Lewis. But it won't surprise me one bit to see extra time needed to separate the two outstanding teams of State League in 1983.

Sunday's double header kicks off at 11.15 pm with a meaningless match for third and fourth place between Juventus and Croydon. Juventus should win.

With a fit Andrew Zinni back in the side, and Kevin Swinscoe due to get his permanent midfield, Juventus deservedly starts favorite. The black and whites easily accounted for Croydon at Croydon Park in the second half of the league season and although this game will be a far tougher proposition, Juventus fans should go home well satisfied.



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Metro, Prov. and Amateur Cups

METRO LEAGUE CUP

Semi-finals: 1. Nunawading City 1 (local); Royal Richmond 0; Knox City 2 (Gerrard, House) Thomas 0.

Final: Nunawading City v. Knox City at Croydon Park, this Saturday, kick-off 3pm.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE SENIORS CUP

Deferred quarter-final: University of Melbourne 1; Cranbourne 0.

Semi-finals: double header: Springvale Utd v. Cottenham; University of Melbourne v. Mordialloc-Clarendon at Heidelberg-Bunbury, Dandenong's ground, this Saturday, first game at 1pm.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE RESERVES CUP

Semi-finals: East Brunswick 1; Brunswick 1; Brunswick City 3 Berwick City 0. Final to be played on Saturday, October 15.

ARMSTRONG CUP

Quarter-final, this Saturday, 3pm: Northcote v. Werribee City; Croatia v. Ajax; Kew City v. Thomastown; Juventus v. Greensborough.



MacLean to move?

Morwell Falcons may lose their best midfielder, Jim MacLean, (pictured, above) the former Brisbane Lions star who joined the Latrobe Valley club this season.

MacLean's contract expires later this year and he reportedly is uncertain of his future with Falcons.

The talented 23 year old Scot has played with Sunderland, Morton, Danish club FC Rangers, Brisbane Lions and Brisbane Olympic. Falcons paid Olympic \$2,500 for MacLean's transfer.

Against strikers like that, both sets of defences will be put to the test.

MacLean's excellent defence takes a lot of weight off the midfielders. It allows midfielders to get forward in support.

It's Green Gully for min-

Ajax captain Peter Lewis (right) holds up the 1983 State League championship cup. At left is State League chairman Vito Cilauro. Picture by LES SHORROCK

IT'S AJAX AND AJAX AND AJAX AND AJAX

LES SHORROCK: I think Green Gully will win the State League Cup, and the Docketty Cup. In fact I think it could win the Melbourne Cup as well, if it wasn't too late for acceptance.

Quite apart from the fact that Craig McKenzie has bolstered me into picking the Greens, I honestly think they can do the quadbie this year and leave the State League in a blaze of glory.

Gully has the big match temperament to carry off both finals, and Olympic Park suits it admirably. I think that both Tom on one flank and Jim Williams on the other will stretch Croatia's somewhat pedestrian defence to breaking point, and the ever alert Paul Lewis will pounce on the slightest error, as he proved last Sunday when that fierce volley that came back off the crossbar before Gary Clayton could blink.

Oh sure, Croatia has clever players in Josip Biskic, Jozo Antolovic and Steve Gojevic, prompting two of the best strikers in the business, but their build-ups tend to be too elaborate and I think Gully will be better for it.

What about Tommy Cumming, you say? Well he's my favorite player. I'm quite unashamed to say, and one of the greatest ever to pull on a Victorian shirt, and he'll cover every blade of grass on the ground, but he can't win the Cup on his own.

Yes, it's Green Gully for min-

spirit. It'll be a mammoth battle in midfield, where Biskic, Antolovic, Gojevic and Faulkner give Croatia the edge in skill. If they keep the ball moving in order to avoid Ajax's tackles, this quartet may just turn the tide.

Green Gully's got the best players and the better team.

PETER DESIRAS: Melbourne Croatia won the most matches and scored the most goals in the State League this season — but it failed to come up with the goods in matches that count. And that is why, in the end, it lost the title.

It has yet to convince me that it has learned to handle pressure situations and the recent unsettling coaching change leads me to believe that Green Gully will go on to win the final and collect its third trophy for the season.

Regardless of the fact that Tommy Cumming will stick to the pattern established throughout the season, John Gardner's absence from the bench will be felt and it will be much harder for the winger to spot and make any positional changes required once the match is underway while he is concentrating on his job of trying to get past the Gully defence.

Croatia has aerial superiority at the back, but Gully doesn't play the high ball into the area in any case and Paul Lewis has proved already he has the pace to outstrip Croatia's defenders if and when the opportunity arises.

Territorially, I believe the mid-field battle, and this is where Croatia has made my choice very difficult as it has the busy quartet of Antolovic, Faulkner, Biskic and Gojevic to cope with the experience of Boyle, Vassallo and Williams.

But while I'm tipping Gully for a win, my main concern is that the two sides forget the niggling and the friction that has been there in past encounters, and get on with it to provide a thoroughly entertaining game worthy of a prestigious cup final.

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Whistle stops

It was the end of the road for West German referee Jan Redelts when he controlled the Wales versus Brazil international at Cardiff. Redelts, 47, has now retired.

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Keep your cool George, Cannell has last laugh

GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Cannell 70th) JUVENTUS 0. State League Cup semi-final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday, second game of a double header. Crowd: about 2500. Referee: Mellings 3.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7 – Peter Lewis 6, Short 7, Cannell 7, Hogan 8 – Vassallo 5 (Manelli 60th), Boyle 8, Williams 8, Tool 7, Smallman 7, Paul Lewis 7. **CROTON:** Danny Suman.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 – V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 7, Drinovska 7, Hird 8 – G. Bannon 6 (Swinson 86th), Rogers 8, Incantulupo 6 – Lloyd 7, French 7, Nelson 7 (Zinn 70th). **Couch:** John Margerita.

VSF secretary George Wallace made two blunders prior to the kick-off to this clash. His first was to wear a green suit. His second was deciding to present Green Gully Ajax with its championship cup. Neither action endeared him to either Juventus or Croatia fans. Subsequently, Wallace was drowned out as he tried to make a speech and gave up after four attempts.

His final words were a sarcastic comment at the behaviour of the hecklers, not a move mentioned in the original outline of the sociology of crowd behaviour. He just caused the noise to increase.

It was all a bit of a giggle in the end. Here was the VSF secretary, refusing to go ahead with his speech until everyone stopped yelling. And every time Wallace opened with his familiar "Ladies and gentlemen", the boozing got louder.

Dear George, I'm no expert in such public matters, but if there ever is a moment just say what you have to say. Make it short and sweet. Don't let everyone see that you've got flustered. You still could be heard from where I was sit-

ting in the grandstand, in spite of the din. And when it became obvious that the hecklers were getting to you, it seemed to give them renewed vigor and far louder voice.

There were, of course, two main reasons for the yelling. Green Gully Ajax has earned the reputation, among opposition fans, of being a dirty team. The other reason is that most working class folk have a deep seated resentment of authority and right. In this case, a man wearing a green suit, holding a microphone in his hand, was a prime target for such resentment. State League chairman Vito Ciluro saw the funny side of it all. Before Ajax captain Peter Lewis ran up to the dias to accept the championship trophy, Ciluro picked up the cup and held it up to the Juventus fans, causing the jeers to turn into cheers. Fog a few seconds away.

Then it was down to business. This match had been billed as a slogging affair. It was. There was enough off-the-ball, indeed, enough on-the-ball clashes to whet the appetite of any old pub.

Many of these incidents occurred close to referee Stuart Mellings who managed to maintain a mystifying reluctance to punish offenders. But Mellings never could be called reticent. On the contrary, some skilful were put to good use while yellow and red cards lay idle, perched snugly inside the pocket of his referee's uniform.

All I'm saying here, is that

this was a dirty game in parts. There was some good football played too. By both teams.

Juventus really missed Andrew Zinni's pace up front. Bigly Rogers twice intercepted poor passes early on from out of Gully's back four. The Juventus midfielder was indeed attacking his man in the field with Gully lying up from the back and stretched, yet he never was given the option of playing a through ball. That's because Graham French, Kevin Lloyd and Jim Nelson, fine players though they may be, had no chance of outpacing the Gully defence.

Ajax left back David Hogben had a great second half. What a fine player he's developed into. He gets forward well, his disposal is improved, and his recovery is outstanding.

His opposite number, Harry Hird, was as cool as ever. I only can remember Hird being clearly beaten once in this game. And when Juventus was facing defeat, Hird charged upfield a couple of times, in possession, laid off the ball well only to watch team mates either give the ball away with poor disposal, or be dispossessed.

Lou Denys, the Ajax goalkeeper, made just two important saves in the entire match. The first was in the 8th minute when Lloyd's attempted cross swing in precariously close to the top far corner until Denys readjusted his positioning and tipped the ball over. The second was in the 76th minute when Rogers knocked the ball on to French, clear on the left of the Ajax

area. French's volley was well parried by Denys and the ball was cleared.

The goal that counted was scored in the 70th minute. Jim Williams, one of Ajax's best players (he's been 10 times this year, and he's played well every time) sent over a corner to the far post. Peter Lewis won the ball in the air and it fell in between French and Cannell. French seemed more intent on playing the man than the ball and Cannell reacted effectively, striking a first time shot into goal for what was to be a winner.

Zinni finally appeared, despite his shoulder injury, straight after Cannell had scored. He made no impression on the match.

There's no denying Ajax's ability to win vital games.

That, of course, is the hallmark of champions.

Finally, a word about referees. I've had a go at Stuart Mellings, in this match report, I don't think unfairly, but I'm prepared to stand corrected. The pity of it all is that you only ever seem to read about disappointing refereeing decisions. Rarely do you read glowing reports of outstanding refereeing.

That's sad, but it perhaps is a problem inherent in the nature of the job. Most outstanding exhibitions of refereeing involve the official in question being amazingly unobtrusive. That's the problem. Get into the act and you get noticed, seems to be the prime prerequisite for publicity.

Incidentally, I think Mellings is a good referee.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Croatia player-coach Tommy Cumming keeps his eyes on the ball in spite of a fearsome sliding tackle from Croydon sweeper Steve Marley at Olympic Park last Sunday. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Now it's coach Cumming

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Antolovic 55th, Gojevic 73rd, Brogan 86th) CROYDON 2 (G. Macleod 82nd, Sweeney 87th). State League Cup semi-final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday, first game of a double header. Crowd: about 2,500. Referee: Venios 7.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 6 – Curcio 7, Adams 8, Parton 7, Hannah 7 – Biskic 8, Antolovic 7, Faulkner 8, Gojevic 7 – Cumming 7, Brogan 7. **CROYDON:** Kastner 4 – Rainey 6, Marley 7, Dobson 6, Hobson 6 – Brown 5, Rooney 6, Wade 7 – Irving 6, G. Macleod 6, I. Lough 6 – Sweeney 6 (Hotham 60th). **Couch:** Ted Dilworth.

Right now, Tommy Cumming has the best coaching record in Victoria, perhaps even in Australia.

The little striker, looking for long stretches of the first 30 minutes. It only was in the last 15 minutes of the first half that Steve Irvine and Paul Wade found space inside Croatia's penalty area.

The second half was 10 minutes old when the deadlock was broken. A superb long ball sent Cumming down the line. He checked back, came inside a defender, then squared the ball. John Antolovic had time to pick his spot yet still slammed his 10 metre shot straight at Kastner. The Croydon goalie parried the ball back out to Antolovic who scored at the second try with a low shot.

Not long after, a great run by Tony Curcio ended with a Gary Hobson challenge which had the Croatian fans screaming for a penalty. Referee Venios waved play on.

Irvine failed to control a Rainey pass in the 61st minute. The lanky Croydon striker was just 10 metres out with no Croatia defender in sight.

Mike Rainey was forced to clear off his own goal line in the 67th minute from a cheeky backheel by Cumming following an Antolovic volley.

Croatia went 2-0 up in the 73rd minute. Gojevic robbed Rooney, ran 30 metres toward goal with Brogan running wide, taking a defender with him and leaving a huge hole for Gojevic to go into and shoot low past Kastner.

Steve Parton and Croatia's goal keeper, Josip Biskic, got mixed up when going for a long, lofted ball toward Croydon's left wing. Both Croatia players missed the ball completely, which fell at the feet of Gus Macleod. The Croydon striker could have carried the ball close to goal in an attempt to draw Blasby off the line. Macleod also could have blasted the ball from 15 metres out. However, he chose another option.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

producing an absolute gem of a goal with a skilful, curled shot into the top far corner which left Blasby groping at air.

There were eight minutes left. Suddenly Croatia no longer was passing.

But four minutes later, David Brogan left his stamp of class on the match with the goal of a true artisan. Cumming heads the ball to Biskic, wide near the right side of the halfway line. Biskic sees Brogan making a diagonal run into space up ahead and plays a well weighted ball which lands at Brogan's feet. Only Ian Dobson is goal side of Brogan. With nothing to lose, Croydon had pulled Steve Marley forward and was about to pounce for playing without cover at the back.

In a flash, Brogan has turned inside Dobson, leaving the Croydon stopper on the ground. Kastner comes out of goal but Brogan always is going to reach the ball first and just as Kastner spreads himself, Brogan cheekily clips it over the Croydon keeper's arms into the unguarded goal.

A minute later the score is 3-2 after a crazy Croydon goal. Dobson takes a long throw-in from the left which nearly goes out. Parton is standing next to the near post with Blasby next to him. At the last moment, Parton lets the ball go. It strikes Blasby's legs and goes into goal, but there's not enough time left for Croydon to shock Croatia again.

Croatia deserved its win. Make no mistake about that. It created more chances, did well in midfield where Jeff Faulkner in the centre and Biskic out wide dominated, and apart from two dreadful defensive blunders, was more composed at the back.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

TUT, TUT TIM

Here I go getting publicity again but believe me, it's not my fault and I don't particularly care for it.

Mr Tim White, who incidentally writes a regular column in this paper with his picture prominently displayed, complained recently in his column that Tony Vrzina is a publicity seeker and gets coaching jobs because of that.

Does Mr White really think that my club, Northcote, is stupid enough to believe that publicity officers can get the results a coach can get?

I admit that I've always been publicity minded and I

try to ensure that my club and my players, regardless of whether they are Europeans or British or otherwise, enjoy good press coverage but I have never, repeat, never asked for publicity for myself, with the exception of this article in answer to some claims made by Mr White who supposedly believes in defending his fellow members of the coaching fraternity.

Where were you Tim, during the Raleasic saga earlier

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MOORE FOR THE NSL IN 1984?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Steve Moore just has completed his first year back in the Victorian State League since 1976 and capped a memorable season by winning our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year award, a return trip to the country of his choice in Europe, flying Thai International Airlines.

Moore won the award by the convincing margin of six votes but has yet to come to terms with the sudden press attention focused on him in 1983.

"When you told me you were going to interview me, I asked a pal of mine, Frank Campbell, what I should say. I said, 'Just say boy, you know,'" said Moore.

He spent three years as a semi-professional with Everton as a youth. He had a job and trained twice a week. One of the highlights of his time there was playing against Manchester United in the F.A. Youth Cup, even though United won. At Everton, Moore met Gerry Bennett, the former Ajax and South Melbourne Hells player, now captain of Sunshine-George Cross.

Moore was a left back at Everton but was released after being told the team was slow. He played non-league football with South Liverpool, winning the Lancashire Youth Cup two years running. His team mates at South Liverpool included Jim Tansey (Heidelberg player-coach), Steve McCombe (Croydon).



Con Kiakos wins medal

Con Kiakos (pictured) of South Oakleigh has won the Victorian Weinstein Medal for the Junior Player of the Year.

Con joined South Oakleigh at the age of 11, had one season with Hells and then returned to South Oakleigh.

He has represented Victoria in age groups U13s through to U16s. Con was a prominent member of the successful Victorian U18s Youth Team, who are the current Australian Youth Champions.

It is indicative of the ability of Con that he has also won a senior award by being voted as the "best and fairest" player for 1983 in Division III of the Metropolitan League.

The Weinstein Medal carries with it a scholarship of \$1000.

Davie Webb (Prahran City) and Dave Rigby (ex-Moorabark, Adelaide City, Hakoah Melbourne and George Cross).

Moore jumped on board Slavia's "cattleboat" bound for down under in 1975, along with John Cain, and arrived here mid-way through the 1975 State League season. Ken Kowalec coached Slavia then but three weeks after Moore's arrival, John Sanchez, the former George Cross star, took over the coaching reins.

"Sanchez was very disciplined. The lads had a lot of respect for him but I think that he had a bit of a problem getting his points across. He was sacked just before the end of the season and Ken Kontra took over. Kontra was a pretty responsible coach. He had a lot of good ideas on the game."

At the end of that 1975 season, the infamous Slavia players' strike took place with Moore embroiled in the drama. He was suspended by the VSF tribunal for nine months along with three team mates, for refusing to play against George Cross late in the season.

Moore was homesick and returned to England, missing the entire 1976 season. When he rejoined Slavia, early in 1977, he was given an ultimatum.

"I was told by a high ranking Slavia official, that I had to transfer to Western Suburbs. He said that if I refused, Slavia would make damn sure that I didn't kick a ball in Victoria ever again," said Moore.

Suburbs paid Slavia \$3000 and Moore played his first season in the Metropolitan First Division with his new club in 1977. With the exception of a one year stay in England due to visa problems in 1980, Moore stayed with Suburbs until early this year when he joined Northcote.

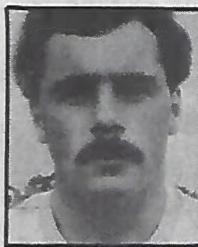
"Just about every year I was with Suburbs I wanted to move to another club but there was always more money in my head. When Preston wanted to sign me in 1978, Suburbs asked for \$6,000. I went to the Appeals Board which took the price down to \$4,500 but that was still too much. Suburbs only paid \$3,000 for me."

"I suppose you could say that I kept playing at Suburb to get my maximum down and when I joined Northcote this year it was for a maximum transfer fee of \$2,500."

Moore's first coach at Western Suburbs was current Northcote coach Vrzina. "Tony's a good coach, especially when it comes to organising things. The players at Northcote have a lot of respect for him. He's done a great job this year, you know. He's bought about seven new players and achieved his aim of consolidating the club in State League."

And Moore has achieved his aim of proving to himself and others that he can play in this standard.

"I joined Northcote because they were the only club interested in me at the time. I'd heard stories that Northcote



Steve Moore

was in a bit of financial trouble previously but that's certainly not the case any more. The club needs to buy players if it hopes to win State League next year but, if you make a mistake, the money is there. I've heard talk about some of the players they're interested in and I've said to them that these players will cost a fair bit of money but they're not in the least bit worried. They say that they've got the money. If money is going to determine whether or not Northcote does well next year, then the club is in for an outstanding season."

But finances may not be the reason to Northcote's success. Holding onto its core of good players, especially Moore, may be the key to the club's fortunes in 1984.

"I'd like to play in the National League. What player wouldn't? And like every player, I'd like to get into the state team. If you don't aim for these things, then you're wasting your time."

Moore's contract with Northcote expires on November 30 this year and it has a maximum transfer fee of \$2,500 stipulated in it. He's proven his ability at State League standard and at just 27 years old he's close to his peak as far as his capability of playing in the NSL. No mistake about that. Whether he does so next year or not may be decided by talks he'll hold with Northcote early this December.

Moore's earlier visa problems, while with Suburbs, are just a bad memory. He's a permanent resident now and married an Australian girl in October last year.

Whatever the outcome of his talks with Northcote, he's really looking forward to flying back to England for a holiday, his prize for being the Ametco Player of the Year.

"I'm really indebted to the people at Ametco for making the award available. It's a great incentive to all players and it's very important to the game," said Moore.

It's also the crowning achievement of an outstanding season for the talented midfielder or sweeper.

Thurlow honored

Doveton will play neighbour North Dandenong at Waratah Reserve this Sunday in a testimonial match for Peter Thurlow.

Thurlow, 25, has been with the Doves since his junior days. The stalwart defender or midfielder has been one of Doveton's most consistent and capable performers for many years.

The game kicks off at 3pm. Admission is \$2.

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Let's stand up for our rights

All GMH workers should band together in refusing to buy the "Herald" until it gives soccer a fair go on its back page.

The workers at Ford should put a similar ultimatum to "The Sun" or "The Age", in order to get the sort of publicity soccer deserves.

Says Mrs Maria Giacomantonio of Victorian club Waverley City.

Mrs Giacomantonio was moved to voice her opinions by Andrew Detre's article in last week's "Soccer Action", headed: "Media sells yachting, but not soccer."

"It's we — the people inside soccer —

who must get off our backsides and make sure the game gets media exposure, but instead we amble along and do nothing," she said.

"If we went down to Olympic Park and filled it with 8000 people every weekend, I'm sure we'd get more newspaper space, but no, we stay at home."

"The Soccer Federation needs a good kick in the pants. Thousands of dollars are wasted all the time. Instead we should employ a few people capable of publicising the game, and letting everyone know what's going on."

"We the English team was here, we could have arranged for hundreds of boys to go along and watch them train, but of course no-one was told."

"But there is apathy right through the ranks. At my club, for example, we

couldn't find a single parent willing to be team manager of the under 18s. In fact, we have trouble finding someone to run the line."

"And only 12 people are coming to our presentation night. Our under 18 coach, Ian Chalmers, had to pay for a few tickets himself, so boys who have won trophies can come along and accept them, because their parents are too mean to pay."

Mrs Giacomantonio urged soccer players to get more involved and stand up for their rights with the media.

"If not, we'll continue to be trampled on by Australian Rules football, and our boys will suffer. If they reach the top in their sport, they deserve a bit of back-page coverage — not a half inch that you can find only with a magnifying glass."

Let's stop the Hakoah bashing, which Sydney is Sydney?

Pick a name

If you thought that the ASF's "policy" on club names was a cause for confusion since 1977, how about the next move in this never ending game of nonsense?

It has been announced that under the edict which makes it mandatory for new clubs in the NSL to have district tags for the purposes of scorecards, fixture lists and the like (very important, that), we are about to be blessed by the presence of a team named Sydney.

No, dear readers, not Sydney City (alias the Slickers, or Hakoah or whatever), but Croatia of the northern variety under another name.

The NSW version of Croatia has adopted, and had allegedly got approval for, "Sydney" as its district tag.

If we follow the twisted logic of what passes for decision-making in soccer, the 1984 NSL will boast of Sydney City and a Sydney, side by side.

Wait and see

National coach Les Scheinfeld has adopted a "wait and see" attitude regarding some of the players from the squad which took on, and matched, England earlier this year.

Seems that Joe Watson is one who falls in this category, with the coach convinced that he "will look" at him.

Nothing wrong with that, especially if the National coach has been, as I'm sure he has, looking during the NSL season.

On the basis of his league performances Joe would probably be the first one to be picked when the squad is selected.

Back to front?

Our friends at the Australian Soccer Federation seem to have gotten things back to front again.

We have had a full time Soccer coach for some time now, during a period when



Joe Watson

there was no continuous activity on the senior national front.

Now, just when things are about to start hotting up worldwide, with the eliminations for the next World Cup looming ever larger on the horizon, we are about to switch back into the part-time mode.

If anything, you'd think things would have been done the other way around.

Olympic blunder

I am convinced that Australia in the Olympic elimination series was a major blunder, which could even prove to be near fatal in the Mundial eliminations.

We missed a series of tough, competitive fixtures against many of the national sides which we are likely to come up against on the road to Mexico.

We also missed an excellent chance for a bit of international glory, with the "under-developed" soccer countries of the Third World and Oceania allocated the majority of the 16 berths at the Los Angeles Games.

Under updated regulations, our part-time pros are quite entitled to play Olympic soccer, as the New Zealanders are already doing.



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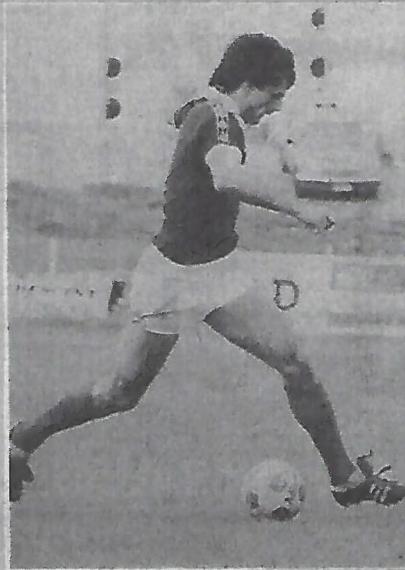
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PRESTON V FOOTSCRAY

CONNOR RESERVE
K.O 3pm

Previous results

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'78.....	
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'81.....	3-0
'82.....	3-0



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(Footscray)



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(South Melbourne)

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MIDDLE PARK
K.O. 3 pm

Previous results

'77.....	1-2
'78.....	0-3
'79.....	1-2
'80.....	3-1
'81.....	1-0
'82.....	3-1



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(Marconi)